



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web Posting Date: 03/31/06

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit NEV80024 from the following applicant:

CONAGRA FOODS INCORPORATED
D.B.A. GILROY FOODS
POST OFFICE BOX 769
FERNLEY, NEVADA 89408

ConAgra, Incorporated operates the Gilroy Foods Dehydration Plant located approximately 17 miles east of Fernley, off Interstate Highway 80 at Exit 65 (Nightingale Interchange) in Churchill County, Nevada. The proposed permit is for discharge of spent geothermal water to a spray irrigation system and an alkali flat for evaporation and percolation to groundwaters of the state under specified permit conditions. The proposed permit term is for a five (5) year period.

Based on a preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to re-issue Discharge Permit NEV80024, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions. Comments regarding the proposed Administrative determination(s) to re-issue the permit or requests for a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should be submitted in writing, within 30 days of the publication date of this notice, to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Comments and requests received by 5:00 pm on May 5, 2006 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date. If no hearing is held and the determination(s) of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determination(s), the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determination(s). Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, fact sheet, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting James T. Hogan at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control: telephone: 775.687.9434, facsimile: 775.687.4684 or email: jhogan@ndep.nv.gov . This public notice and the fact sheet can be viewed at the following address: http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#water_p .

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.